Mineral Water Norms

3912. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of mineral water production and sales in the country brand-wise and State-wise;

(b) what should be the level of pesticides in such mineral water, as decided by experts;

(c) whether the norms and rules in force for mineral water quality are in line with those of European standards as laid down by Bureau of Indian Standards;

(d) whether there is any instance of flouting the levels of pesticides by manufacturing units; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has in 7 licences for certification of Packaged Natural Mineral Water as per IS 13428: 1998. The details of production and sale state-wise along with brand for the specified period is given in the Statement (*See* below),

(b) According to the provisions in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955, Pesticide residues level for Packaged Mineral Water shall be below the detectable limits when tested in accordance with the relevant methods.

(c) The norms for mineral water quality are prescribed in IS 13428 by Bureau of Indian Standard. In the preparation of this standard due consideration has been given to the provisions of the *Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954* and the Rules framed there under. This standard includes hygienic practices in line with Codex (CAC/RCP 33-1985) 'Code of practice for collecting, processing and marketing of

natural mineral water'. In the preparation of this standard assistance has *inter alia* been dervied from the EEC Directive, 80/778/EEC 'Council directive relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption'.

(d) and (e) No failure has been observed in pesticides residues in the samples drawn and tested by BIS.

Statement

Details of production and Sale of packaged Natural Mineral Water, of BIS Licensees

1. INDIA

A. Himachal Pradesh

Sl. No.	Name of the firm	CM/L No.	Production (Litres) April, 2003 to March, 2004	Brand
1.	G.C. Beverages, Baddi	9270680	343977	Life Spring and Natural Spring
2.	Mount Everest Mineral Water Ltd., Paonta Sahib	9273181	3444871	Himalayan
3.	D.S. Foods Ltd, Kullu	9276490	3870866 16176	Catch Rohtang
4.	Himachal Plywood, Kullu	9354181	575642	Manali
5.	Manali Food & Beverage, Kullu	9444485	'Nil'	Life

B. Uttaranchal

1.	Alfa Aqua Associates, Rudrapur	9309883	447524	Alfa blue and Hamara Dalmia No. 1.

2. Quantity marked and sold under Foreign Certification Scheme:

France

Sl. No.	Name of the firm	CM/L No.	Production (Litres) April, 2003 to March, 2004	Brand
1.	S.A. Des Eaux Minerals d'Evian, France	4000323	221382	Evian

Grand Total: 89,20,438 Litres

Proposal to regularise vangrams in Uttaranchal

†3913. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttaranchal has submitted a proposal to his Ministry for regularizing vangrams (forest villages) of the State and granting them status of revenue villages;

(b) if so, the date of sending the proposal alongwith the details thereof; and

(c) by when the said proposal will be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Government of Uttaranchal has submitted four proposals for conversion of forest villages into revenue villages. The details of these proposals along with their dates of submission are given in the Statement (*see* below)

(c) Conversion of forest villages into revenue villages involves de-reservation of forest lands. Supreme Court vide order dated 13-11-2000, has banned de-reservation of forest lands/national parks/sanctuaries, In view of this order of the Apex Court, Central Government vide letter dated 20-8-2004, has asked the State Government to seek the permission from the Apex Court First.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.